Guidelines on the control of ships in an emergency

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Officers, and Salvors

Summary

This Note promulgates the Guidelines on the control of ships in an emergency approved by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its 83rd session in October 2007.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its 83rd session in October 2007 approved the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1251, which contains the guidelines on the control of ships in an emergency.

2. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide shipmasters, companies, salvors and others engaged in a maritime emergency with a framework of authority within which they will be expected to operate. The guidelines cover the responsibilities of coastal states, masters and salvors involved / engaged in a maritime emergency.

3. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1251 is attached to this Note for ready reference. Parties concerned are recommended to follow the guidelines in an emergency.

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